

SOUTH BEND

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Building a 21st Century City
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

"Hometown Pride on the Westside"

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Everywhere I turn, there are reasons for me to be proud of our hometown. I feel blessed to be part of such a thriving and dynamic community! As we enter into the heart of summer, I would like to draw your attention to some of the many newsworthy happenings on the Westside of South Bend.

My congratulations to those Westside residents and community members who are taking the initiative to help develop and sustain programs that continue to contribute to positive changes in our neighborhoods. Your efforts to foster a true sense of community are admirable and have proved to be powerful.



I am glad to report that Weed and Seed received \$225,000 in grant money to continue its work - from after school programs, GED assistance, and adult continuing education, to a new anti-gang recreation league - the Weed and Seed Program continues to make a difference, providing valuable resources to community members.

The West Side neighborhood kicked off their second annual Adopt-A-Block in May. They cleaned fifteen blocks, added new landscaping to the Westside NPC, and enjoyed a barbeque lunch and fellowship following the cleanup. The Code Enforcement sponsored Adopt-A-Block program has gained momentum in other neighborhoods throughout South Bend and is an innovative and simple way for neighbors to keep their communities clean. I encourage you to gather friends or neighbors to adopt your own block and help us in this effort!



Pastor Eddie Miller and his sons have been instrumental in keeping Faith Apostolic Church strong during its recent move from Lincoln Way West to the former LaSalle Square shopping plaza. The church's growing youth ministry is a major reason the church moved to LaSalle Square and Pastor Miller and his team are to be commended for their continuous outreach to members of our community.

People who currently or have resided on "The Lake" are invited to a reunion on Saturday, August 5th, in LaSalle Park. Reunion organizers hope it will be a great opportunity for old friends and neighbors to reconnect and reminisce. More information on the reunion can be found at www.lakereunion.com

Several building projects and investments on the Westside have been completed. Motorists continue to benefit from road improvements on the newly realigned Bendix Drive that were completed in 2005. In December, we gathered to dedicate the reconstructed Inner Belt (Chapin St.) from Lincolnway West to Washington in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King would be proud of the refurbished Center named in his honor. Newly remodeled in 2004, the Martin Luther King Center features a full size gymnasium, fitness room, computer lab, senior citizen's room with a kitchen, meeting room, and a theater. The Center holds programming for kids, adults, and seniors. So, whether you want to try out hip-hop dance aerobics, learn how to use word processor, or work on your bench press, check out all the Center has to offer and do your part to make South Bend a healthy city!

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Cruise In Car Show at Studebaker Museum

On Saturday, July 29, the Studebaker National Museum and the Still Cruisin' Club of South Bend will host the annual *Zolman Tire Car Show* at the Museum.

Registration for the show begins at 9:00 a.m., and any make and model of car is welcome, including Hot Rods, Street Machines, Classic Cars, Trucks and of course, Studebakers. Cost of car entry is \$10.00 and includes dash plaques to the first 100 registrants, door prizes and 40 People's Choice awards.

Cars will be parked on Chapin Street along the side of the Museum. There is no charge for the public to come out and see all of the outstanding vehicles!

Music will be provided by WJOE and food will be available for purchase.

For additional information, please contact Mike Lenyo at 574-258-4881.



The multi-million dollar William C. Ellison Residence senior housing complex has just opened with the goal of providing seniors with a safe and affordable place to live. Our seniors are a vital part of our community and I hope the Complex will be a great success.



The Engman Natatorium on West Washington Street will soon become the Indiana University

South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center through a partnership between the South Bend Heritage Foundation, the City of South Bend, and Indiana University South Bend. This is the last standing public building that was segregated in South Bend and will serve as a reminder of the discrimination that some of our friends and neighbors witnessed in our City in the past, and hopefully as a great educational center.

With eight recent new business openings, Western Avenue has received a facelift, giving shoppers more options.

Lincoln Way West has benefited from a 2005 roadside planter project that has been beautifully maintained



this year. Those residing along Lincoln Way West are invited to submit an application to the Lincoln Way West Tree Planting Program to have a tree planted on their property in the fall of this year. The Program will help to green and beautify the road. The corner of Lincoln Way West and Martin Luther King Drive will soon be home to the new #2 Fire Station.

One more thing for Westsiders to celebrate: the girls' basketball team at Washington High School made it all the way to State this year. Congratulations to the players and their coaches on a terrific season; thanks for being such great ambassadors of South Bend.

The investments and developments on the Westside are proof that our City continues to grow and benefit from a strong entrepreneurial spirit, the innovative visions of talented residents, and the dedication of many committed volunteers. That's definitely something to be proud of!

Sincerely,
Mayor Steve

2006 ENSHRINEMENT FESTIVAL



The College Football Hall of Fame hosts its 12th annual Enshrinement Festival on August 11-12. Fifteen players and five coaches, including all-time great Jerry Rice, will be forever enshrined into the Hall of Fame during this spectacular two-day event.

The Festival kicks off on Friday, August 11 at the Celebrity Golf Scramble. Fans have the opportunity to play 18 holes with one of our Hall of Famers. Back at the Hall of Fame, the sensational country duo "Blue County" will perform live at Gathering on the Gridiron, an outdoor concert on the Hall's brand new Gridiron Plaza starting at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday's fanfare begins with the Hall of Fame's second annual Enshrinement Parade, featuring the 2006 Hall of Fame Class, marching bands, floats and much more. To enter your organization's or businesses' unit in the parade, please contact John Paczesny at 574-272-0100 (x205).



After the parade, the Hall of Fame will be packed for FanFest, a one-of-a-kind event that features the Enshrinee Flag Football Game, Youth Football Clinic, autograph sessions and much more. Finally, the Enshrinement Dinner and Show formally enshrines each player and coach into the Hall of Fame during an entertaining formal affair.

For more information on the 2006 Enshrinement Festival, including times and ticket prices, call 574-235-9999 or visit collegefootball.org.

2006 Enshrinement Class

PLAYERS

- Cornelius Bennett - LB, Alabama, 1983-86
- Tom Curtis - DB, Michigan, 1967-69
- Anthony Davis - RB, Southern California, 1972-74
- Kevin Dent - DB, Jackson State, 1985-88
- Keith Dorney - OT, Penn State, 1975-78
- John Friesz - QB, Idaho, 1986-89
- Jim Houston - E, Ohio State, 1957-59
- John Huarte - QB, Notre Dame, 1962-64
- Roosevelt Leaks - FB, Texas, 1972-74
- Ronnie Mallett - E, Central Arkansas, 1979-81
- Mark May - OT, Pittsburgh, 1977-80
- Jerry Rice - WR, Mississippi Valley State, 1981-84
- Joe Washington - RB, Oklahoma, 1972-75
- Paul Wiggin - DT, Stanford, 1954-56
- David Williams - WR, Illinois, 1983-85



2006 Enshrinee
Jerry Rice

COACHES

- Pat Dye - East Carolina (1974-79), Wyoming (1980), Auburn (1981-92), 153-62-5
- Dick Farley - Williams (Mass.) (1987 - 2003), 114-19-3
- John Gagliardi - Carroll College (Mont.) (1949-52), St. John's (Minn.) (1953-Present), 432-118-11
- Skip McCain - Maryland State College (1948-63), 102-21-5
- Don Nehlen - Bowling Green (1968-76), West Virginia (1980-2000), 202-128-8

Visit Our New Website at www.SouthBendIN.gov!

CHANGES TO INDIANA FIREWORKS LAW AFFECT SOUTH BEND RESIDENTS



The South Bend Fire and Police Departments encourage residents to enjoy fireworks in the safest possible way this holiday season. “For everyone’s safety, we recommend enjoying fireworks presented by trained professionals,” said Fire Chief Luther Taylor. “However, if residents wish to purchase fireworks for private use, we urge them to abide by the new State Fireworks Law, and use fireworks responsibly and with appropriate safety precautions.”

The new State Law governing the use and sale of fireworks in Indiana is now in effect, and the following changes apply to South Bend residents:

- ♦ Only adults age 18 and older are allowed to purchase fireworks, for use in Indiana.
- ♦ Private fireworks may be set off *ONLY* on the user’s property, the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks, or at a special discharge location designated by the State Fire Marshal. *Fireworks may not be discharged on public property, such as in streets or parks, without special permits issued by the State Fire Marshal and local Fire Chief.*
- ♦ Fireworks may be used *ONLY* between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m., with the exception of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and New Year’s Eve, when hours are extended to midnight.

Violations of the new law can result in fines and criminal charges.

While the new law does allow a greater variety of fireworks to be purchased by residents for private use, these new options also greatly increase the opportunities for accidents and injuries. “In 2004, 52% of all fireworks-related injuries in Indiana involved children and adolescents. They represent only a quarter of Indiana’s population so this is a concern. These injuries most frequently were burns to the hands caused by sparklers,” said Assistant Fire Chief Howard Buchanan. He further noted that of all the injuries in 2004, 25% required either hospital admission or specialized care for burns or eye injuries. One in five of those injuries involved the eyes, with 88% of those injuries due to not using any eye protection. “Fireworks injuries are often severe,” he added.

IMPORTANT SAFETY PROCEDURES:

If you choose to set off private fireworks on your property, instead of or in addition to attending a professional fireworks event, please abide closely by the following safety procedures, for your safety, as well as that of your loved ones, neighbors and the community.

- ♦ ***Make sure to have a responsible adult supervise all fireworks activities. Do not let children play with or light any fireworks without an adult present.***
- ♦ ***Use fireworks in an open area away from buildings or combustible materials. Keep your audience a safe distance away from the shooting site.***
- ♦ ***Safety glasses should be used by those lighting the fireworks or anyone in close proximity to the fireworks.***
- ♦ ***Have a hose, bucket of water or water supply, or a fire extinguisher nearby and pay attention to the wind direction.***

Further information regarding Indiana’s new Fireworks Law is available on the South Bend Fire Department’s website, at www.southbendin.gov/city/departments/fire/index.asp, or by calling 235-9255. With your help, we can avoid the often disastrous accidents and injuries caused by the careless use of fireworks. Help us make this a safe Independence Day holiday!



LEARN ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

South Bend’s FREE Local Government Academy is your chance to learn about the City, from the inside out. The Academy meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, for ten weeks. The first session begins on August 30, and registration is required. For more information, or to register, please call the Mayor’s Office at 235-9261, or visit www.southbendin.gov/city/departments/legal/local_government_academy.asp.



TOUCHDOWN TUESDAYS

As part of its efforts to connect with the South Bend community, the College Football Hall of Fame is offering free admission to South Bend residents every Tuesday!

The promotion, called “Touchdown Tuesdays” also features extended hours, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. (*during special events, extended hours are subject to change*). Proof of residency will be required for free admission.

General admission to College Football Hall of Fame is normally \$11. For more information on admission prices, hours of operation, or event listings, please contact the Hall of Fame at 574-235-9999 or visit www.collegefootball.org.

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